

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 599

By Miller J

A RESOLUTION to commend Nathan James for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a Field Representative for United States Congressman Marsha Blackburn.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Nathan James is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. James is a highly respected member of his community, and throughout his exemplary tenure as a Field Representative for U.S. Congressman Marsha Blackburn, he has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the communities of Montgomery, Cheatham, Davidson, Williamson, Wayne, and Perry counties; and

WHEREAS, a native of North Carolina, he is known as that state's Bicentennial Baby, the first born on July 4, 1976; and

WHEREAS, Mr. James graduated from Lambuth University in Jackson in 1998, with a Bachelor of Science Degree, having double-majored in History and Political Science; a member

of the Phi Alpha Theta international historians honor society, he has since studied at the Westminster College of Oxford University, and is currently a candidate for a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the Tennessee State University Institute of Government; and

WHEREAS, an active Freemason, he holds dual membership in the Corinthian Lodge #414 Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee and the Junaluskee Lodge #145 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina; he is an honorary member of the Henderson Lodge #485 F&AM of Tennessee, and an active member of the York Rite Masonic bodies in Waynesville, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Mr. James is a former historical lecturer for the Scottish Tartans Museum in Franklin, North Carolina, and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the Military Order of the Stars and Bars; and

WHEREAS, a staunch defender of the rights granted to citizens of the United States by the Second Amendment to the Constitution, he is also a member of the National Rifle Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. James served our country as an Officer in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary from 1994-2001; he is currently Captain in the Tennessee State Guard, serving as the Division Public Affairs Officer; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to the political arena, he has interned on the personal staff of United States Senator Fred Thompson, and he has served this Senate as a Bill Clerk and as Legislative Assistant to the venerable Senator Bobby Carter; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Clarksville Rotary Club and the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Make A Difference Foundation, Mr. James' remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with and relate to people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. James is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, the former Carla Beth Dworsky of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Nathan James is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Nathan James for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as Field Representative for U.S. Congressman Marsha Blackburn and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.